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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 21ST 1909.

We drew attention about a month ago to comments in two of our Japan contemporaries deprecating the punishing of criminals by flogging in Hongkong. It was remarked by the Japan Mail that the practice "goes on without interruption" in the Colony—and observation which might give to the readers of our contemporary in Japan the idea that our Judges habitually order this form of punishment, while, as a matter of fact, they do so but very rarely indeed. We are reminded of these comments now by noticing in our Indian contemporaries the report of a discussion which has recently taken place in the Legislative Council at Calcutta on a Bill to amend the Whipping Act in the direction of mitigating the severity of the punishment. It would apparently be correct to speak of the flogging of criminals as a "practice" in India, and it is noteworthy that the Indian members of the Council spoke strongly against the Government measure to limit the powers of the Courts in this direction. "Giving way too much to sentimental objections" were the words used by Mr. DADABHOV, while the Nawab or Deccan urged that the hands of the magistracy ought to be strengthened rather than crippled and he desired to record his "humble protest at the way this piece of legislation has been virtually forced upon the Government at the instance of irresponsible members of the ultra-Hindoo party in the House of Commons." Mr. DADABHOV, while proclaiming that his personal feelings were against any system of

corporal punishment, said experience compelled him to recognize that the present law had a deterrent and wholesome effect on old and habitual offenders and a decidedly deterrent effect on juvenile offenders. Our Yokohama contemporary when referring to the subject of flogging said English criminals are no longer flogged. That is not, we believe, a strictly accurate statement, for the Judges still have the power to order whippings and they exercise it when the circumstances of a case appear to them to warrant it. There is no very marked distinction between the practice in Hongkong in this matter and the practice at Home, though it is quite possible the percentage of cases in which floggings are ordered here is higher than the percentage in Great Britain.

We notice that when Mr. DADABHOV was referring to a comparison of this kind in the course of his speech in the Indian Legislative Council he remarked: "It would hardly be correct to compare England with India, where there is not much of healthy public opinion and social refinement, both being confined to the educated classes and professions." May not very much the same be said of the comparison between Hongkong and England? If a Judge of an Assize Court in England were to be confronted with a long calendar entirely made up of cases of armed robbery, such as Sir FRANCIS PROGHT had before him at the February Assizes here, we can hardly doubt that he would have taken much the same view of the punishment best calculated to benefit the individual and to protect society. Criminals of this type cannot be said to have a self-respect that is outraged by the infliction of a flogging. One of the "general principles" by which the Government of India were guided in amending the Whipping Act was that "whipping is peculiarly suited to brutal, cruel and sordid offences involving personal violence." The Government regard whipping as an unnecessary punishment for offences that are not of an active and daring character, and they lay down that it is not to be inflicted when it is likely to outrage self-respect. These are intelligible principles, and if they are new to India, it cannot be said that they are new to Hongkong. For our Yokohama contemporary to suggest that there is no distinction in this matter between the practice of the Chinese Courts and the Courts of Hongkong is too gratuitous to call for serious notice. To say, forsooth, that because our Hongkong Courts recently inflicted the punishment of flogging on seven desperadoes convicted of armed robberies, that, therefore, we have no right to preach reform to the Chinese: no right to attack them on the ground that their laws are bad and their judiciary worse, is the *reductio ad absurdum*.

For altering the water service in the Western Market, Chinaman was at the Magistracy yesterday fined \$200.

On Thursday night Dr. Lau Lai will deliver a lecture at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on the subject "Prevention of Malaria and kindred Diseases."

The Y.M.C.A. annual "Library Concert" is announced for Saturday evening, May 1st at the City Hall. The concert enjoys the patronage of H. E. the Governor.

Senator Stone of Missouri has introduced a bill in the United States Congress providing for unconditional free trade between the Philippines and the United States and for the independence of the Islands at the end of fifteen years—1924.

We observe that notices printed in four languages—Chinese, two Indian languages and English—are now posted throughout the Colony requesting the public not to spit on the sidewalks. "Please do not spit" is the heading which arrests the attention on the notice in English.

The theft of rails mentioned yesterday is more extensive than was at first thought. As much as 1,000 feet of iron rail were taken from the eastern end of Kennedy Road, and this is estimated as being worth \$300. A similar theft is also reported from Conduit Road.

A special meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday for the purpose of considering the question of declaring No. 12 aisle of the Dairy Farm Company's premises at Sassoon Villas, Pokfulam Road, to be infested with rinderpest. The necessary motion was carried.

The Hippodrome Circus, which was expected to have opened in Hongkong a fortnight ago, is not due here until next Monday or Tuesday. The circus did so well in Saigon that the management was induced to prolong the stay in that city, and regret having had to disappoint their Hongkong patrons.

A remarkable coincidence is reported in connection with a case which is at present in the hands of the police. A chain cooler was arrested for being in unlawful possession of a silver cigarette case inscribed "Presented to C. S. Wade by his colleagues at Dick, Kerr and Co., Preston." Shortly after the fact was announced, a gentleman arrived at the Central Police Station and stated that the owner was absent in Japan but he could identify the cigarette case as he was present at the presentation in Preston. The hearing of the case takes place at the Magistracy to-day.

Dr. F. Kruger, German Consul-General Seoul, and Madame Kruger, have recently paid a visit to Mukden.

"Colonel" Bob Love, the manager of Harman's Circus, who has been ill for some time past at the San Lazaro Hospital Manila with hemorrhagic smallpox, is steadily improving, and is now thought to be practically out of danger.

The Chambers of Commerce of Portland (Oregon), Tacoma, Spokane, and Seattle have decided to invite a number of representatives of Japanese commercial interests to visit the United States this year. Some time ago these bodies and the San Francisco Chamber, constituting the Associated Chambers of the Pacific Coast, gave a similar invitation to the business men of Japan, but owing to the recurrence of anti-Japanese feeling the San Francisco Chamber withdrew.

A Ceylon resident, who has had a long conversation with Sir Patrick Manson about conditions of life in the tropics, writes as follows: "Sir Patrick is very much down on the love the Englishman in the tropics has for exercise and says it knocks them all up sooner or later. He says it is inherited from the old days when people flogged themselves, because they thought it made heaven more certain; now people play games at the end of a day's work because they think it will keep them fit and well."

The report of the Mercantile of India for the year 1908 states that the net profits, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including £24,601 brought forward, amount to £1,129. From this sum has to be deducted £16,875, amount of interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of tax, on the "A" and "B" shares paid for the half-year ended June 3. The directors have added £40,000 to reserve fund (raising it to £250,000) and £2,000 to the officers' pension fund. They now recommend a further dividend on the "A" and "B" shares at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, free of tax, for the second half of the year, leaving £25,379 to be carried forward. A year ago the dividends were the same.

The Ningpo correspondent of the N.C. Daily News writes: "The departure of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lummett, on Friday, April 9, gave occasion for a remarkable demonstration of friendliness on the part of both foreigners and Chinese. For six years Mr. Lummett has been the Ningpo agent of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, during which time he has gained the respect and confidence of the native merchants, and, by his genial courtesy, the goodwill and friendship of the foreign residents. Harmony and confidence—the essentials of a successful merchant's life in China—were marked characteristics of Mr. Lummett's relationship with the Chinese throughout the whole period of his residence in Ningpo. In truly Chinese fashion they displayed their goodwill by saluting the departing steamer by firing three to four hundred bombs, and sixty thousand crackers! At the invitation of the senior pilot of the port, Capt. A. J. Philby, who had specially hired the steam-launched *Shuanning*, a large company of foreign and Chinese friends escorted the steamer *Lita* to the mouth of the Ningpo river, where a final fusillade of Chinese crackers conveyed best wishes for a safe voyage and a pleasant and happy farlough in the Homeland.

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Captain Beasley and Captain Briarley yesterday evening renewed their tussle for entrance into the final of the championship. The game however did not prove so interesting as was expected, Captain Briarley falling after the first set. The former won by 4/6, 6/0, 6/1, 6/1.

C. C. Hickling (over 30) beat A. O. Brown (over 15/4) in the semi-final of the single handicap "B" class 6/3, 9/7.

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Inspired by an Express representative showed that the board of the new company is particularly strong. The five directors are as follows:

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The Hon. C. H. Rason (Agent-General for Western Australia).

Sir Edward H. Witticombe, K.C.M.G. (Chairman of Local Board of Advice of Dalgety and Co.).

Mr. Sidney Kidman.

M. R. M. C. Thomson (Director of the Colonial Commission and Distributing Company, Limited).

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The performance closed with the Salome dance which was greatly appreciated.

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expostulations and denunciations at Dick

Preston, (Mr. Arthur Eldred) who was living

under the assumed name of Mr. Brown) were

very amusing. The play was founded on the

complications which had arisen through the

marriage of Dick Preston with the lodger of his

father (Mr. Robert Greig), and the scene where everything is discovered is decidedly funny.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## RAILWAY COLLISION IN JAPAN.

TOKYO, April 20th.

Last night the Kobe Express crashed into freight train which had become derailed by the axle breaking when near Kawasaki Bridge, near Tokyo.

The fireman of the freight train was killed and the train itself overturned into the marsh below.

Traffic on the Yokohama-Tokyo section is stopped to-day.

[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

## NAVAL ACTIVITY.

THE PREMIER'S FEARS.

LONDON, April 19th.

The Hon. Mr. Asquith, speaking at Glasgow, referred to Germany's activity in naval construction and hinted at the possibility of Germany developing an entirely new type of battleship vastly superior to the Dreadnoughts.

## DUTCH ANTICIPATIONS.

LONDON, April 19th.

Queen Wilhelmina attended a service at the Palace Chapel yesterday morning, and walked in the garden.

It is semi-officially explained that extraordinary preparations announced made to the birth during the past fortnight were necessary owing to the possibility of surprise.

This is regarded as indicating that the accouchement is not quite imminent.

## THE TURKISH TROUBLE.

LONDON, April 19th.

Consular telegrams from Aleppo state that twenty people have been killed in Marash province.

The Aleppo Young Turks have taken possession of £60,000 of Government funds at Salonika.

## JAPANESE PRINCE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, April 19th.

President Fallières has received Prince Nishimoto.

## TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

LONDON, April 20th.

The Agreement between Turkey and Bulgaria has been signed.

## RUMOURED AbdICATION OF THE SULTAN.

LONDON, April 20th.

The utmost excitement prevails at Constantinople over a rumour that the Sultan has abdicated and has taken refuge in the British Embassy.

There are now 30,000 troops at Hademkoi, and it is expected that the enveloping movement will be completed to-night.

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## AN UNAUTHORISED PUBLIC MEETING.

At the Magistracy yesterday the case was called in which three Chinese were charged with having unlawfully held and were present at a Chinese public meeting not being solely for religious worship without the permission of the Governor in the Chu Nana restaurant at West Point on the 18th inst.

Mr. C. F. Dixon, who appeared for defendants, tendered a plea of guilty. He had no doubt that what they had done amounted to a technical breach of the law. Explaining the facts to his Worship, Mr. Dixon stated that the meeting was called by the first defendant, who was an engineer. The meeting was called by circulars which were handed to engineering friends for distribution among engineers. The object of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of forming a school for the study of engineering. The second and third defendants did not take part in calling the meeting but they attended. They were not now engineers but formerly were and they took an interest in the movement. The second and third defendants made speeches at the meeting which was not restricted to ticket holders and anybody could attend, although it was expected that only those interested in engineering would attend. As a matter of fact three detainees were present, but as the promoters considered the meeting was called for a lawful purpose, they did not expect they would get into trouble. They had not applied to the Governor for permission, though there is no doubt that if they had done so the permission would have been granted. In view of this explanation and in view of the fact that their object was laudable—no inflammatory speeches being made, no inciting to strike—he would ask his Worship to deal leniently with them.

Inspector Robertson stated that although the word school was used in the notice it was never once mentioned at the meeting. The whole of the speech referred to obtaining subscriptions and forming a society to defend themselves in case of strikes. It appeared that the new manager at Hunghom docks had suggested that instead of paying the engineers double time for work on Sundays and at nights that they should be paid only time and half. It was suggested that members should pay yearly 30 cents subscription for every ten dollars they received in wages.

His Worship said he would be inclined to suggest that the promoters express regret to the Governor for not having asked permission.

Mr. Dixon remarked that the notice calling the meeting was to discuss a school for the study of engineering.

His Worship—They might have put it that way to get people there.

Mr. Dixon—I don't suppose the Governor would have refused permission to hold a meeting for the purpose of forming a trade society.

His Worship—The offence is very small.

It was decided that Mr. Dixon should write to the Governor on behalf of the defendants expressing regret for not having obtained permission, and at the same time ask for permission to hold the meeting. The case was then adjourned sine die.

## THE CHINO-BURMESE FRONTIER.

In answer to Sir B. Sheffield (Lincolnshire, Brigg, Opp.) Mr. Buchanan (Pethshire, E.) said in the House of Commons last month:—The Secretary of State has received no information as to the erection of a Chinese fort commanding the British military police for at Siam.

Sir B. Sheffield asked the Under-Secretary for India if he had not ascertained the dates upon which Chinese troops entered the Huchin Valley, removing boundary posts, and levying taxes upon natives under British protection; and further, if he could state the expenditure on mules and transport incurred during the last six months by the British column in the Huchin Valley, on the Chino-Burme frontier; what troops were stationed there; and if reinforcements were to be despatched.

Mr. Buchanan.—No Huchin Valley can be identified. If the hon. member is referring to the incident mentioned in the answer given to him on March 8, I would add to the information then furnished that the reports received do not state that boundary posts were destroyed or taxes levied. No British column was collected on the occasion referred to, nor elsewhere on the northern section of this frontier. With a view to a tour by the political officer, which was afterwards abandoned, a certain selection of transport was begun, but I am unable to say what expenditure was incurred. No troops are stationed on this portion of the frontier.

Lord Balcarres (Lancashire, N., Chorley, Opp.) asked if it was not the fact that traders 200 or 300 miles away from the district had been sending home rather alarmist letters as to the action of Chinese troops, and if therefore the Under-Secretary would make further inquiries.

Mr. Buchanan said that if the noble lord had any further information he would inquire, but the hon. member alluded to took place as far back as November 1907. The Department had no further information on the encroachment or threatened encroachment.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 20th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in E. Japan, owing to the depression, which is moving towards E.N.E. over the S.E. part of the Sea of Japan.

Pressure has given way again over China particularly in the North, another depression having appeared over the Yangtze Valley.

Moderate E. and S.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood. E. to S.E. winds, moderate, fair.

Fornessa Channel. Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between? Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lamock. Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between? Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

## SIR PERCY SCOTT AND THE NAVY.

## THE RECENT CHANGES.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott was among the guests last evening at the annual dinner of the Association of Municipal Corporations, held at the Hotel Cecil last month and, replying for the Navy, said: "I have only just returned with a Squadron, which made a twenty thousand mile voyage to our Colonies in South Africa and to South America. I take this opportunity of mentioning it for two reasons; firstly, because I think it satisfactory that four large cruisers could steam twenty thousand miles without ever having a defect in their machinery which they could not make good on board with their own mechanics. In arriving at and leaving the ports we kept time like a railway train, and were never long enough in harbour to give the machinery a decent rest. Secondly, I wish publicly to express on behalf of my Squadron our appreciation of the great kindness and hospitality that was shown to us at all the ports we visited. At the Cape it was quite nice to find myself sitting down to dinner with Louis Botha, General Horzog, General de Wet, General Delaray, Mr. Smuts, and other distinguished gentlemen that circumstances in 1899 precluded me from meeting. (Laughter.) The Convention then sitting was striving to bring about a Union of all the Colonies in the sub-continent of South Africa, and as far as I can say that they have been successful and can now say that they have one flag, one King, one Empire." (Hours.) After referring to his visit to South America Sir Percy Scott continued: "Yesterday great changes took place both in the distributions of the squadrons of the Fleet and the commanders of the squadrons. The necessity for these changes is so purely technical that I will not bother you with the details of them. I believe they meet with the approval of most naval officers. It has been reported that there is disunion in the Navy, that there is want of discipline, and want of loyalty to the Board of Admiralty. There are forty-two flag officers employed in either commanding the squadrons of the Fleet or assisting the Admiralty in the technical organisation; to my certain knowledge they are all working together in absolute unity, there is no lack of discipline, and they are all absolutely loyal to the Admiralty under whom they are serving and whose orders and wishes they are faithfully endeavouring to carry out; they fully recognise the value of co-operation in obtaining war efficiency, and they work outside any party politics. The naval officers—the number of ships is nothing; that we leave to those who represent the country. We only make the best of the ships we have. That this is fully appreciated is demonstrated by the great improvement that has been made recently in the war training of the Fleets and in naval gunnery. We can now hit a target at a range of four miles more often than we could hit one a year or two ago at 1,400 yards. The relative value of ships and Fleets for fighting must, in my opinion, depend more upon their hitting power than upon numbers; for example, the *Indomitable*, with eight guns, made double the number of hits that the *Dreadnaught* made with ten guns. The Home Fleet and some of the nucleus crew ships shot twice as well as the Channel Fleet. It is sometimes said that luck governs these results in shooting, but it does not. Good results are only obtained when the necessary gun training has been recognised as of more importance than some other things that we sometimes give attention to. (Laughter and cheers.) In the Royal Navy we are very conservative, obsolete methods is hard, but they are dying. I am glad to say that the term "quick hitting" has taken the place of "quick firing." There is, of course, a lot of difference between the two. (Cheers.) It has given me great pleasure to return thanks to-night for the service to which I have the honour to belong, because everything in connection with that Service appears to be today in such a satisfactory state. All the officers employed are combined in loyalty to the Admiralty and in appreciation of the masterly manner in which they have aroused the patriotic spirit of our country and of our Colonies to such an extent that the Navy as far as I can gather from the Press will get ten *Dreadnaughts* instead of six. (Cheers.) During the last week there have been slight discussions on naval affairs, both from the patriotic and political points of view, but now everyone seems to agree with the Admiralty, who were perfectly correct in their decision that the Navy of England must be of such strength in numbers and a gunnery efficiency that it is practically invincible and invincible—it is invincible.

Our Opium policy in the coming year will be in consistent adherence to our promise to China and our exports will again be reduced by ten per cent. The very unsatisfactory prospects of the Industry, the repeated alarms of local monopoly in China and the speculative character of much of the Malwa trade, make it very difficult to forecast our receipts. We intend however to sell 42,500-chests of Bengal opium during the financial year, for which we assume an average price of Rs. 1,350 a chest. In Malwa we surmise that between 8,000 to 9,000 chests will pay duty in preparation for the shipments of 1911. The net result is a very heavy drop of £1,462,000 in total receipts as compared with the artificially inflated income of the current year. For the future the position remains as described by Sir Edward Baker in last year's Financial Statement. We continue to reduce our exports until 1910, when the whole question will be re-examined with reference to the progress which China has made in its reforms. While bearing evidence to the strength of a genuine anti-opium movement in certain classes of Chinese society, the reports which we receive are conflicting as regards the curtailment of cultivation and production in China. The matter however has been under the enquiry of the International Commission which sat at Shanghai last month, and at which the interests of India were represented by Mr. J. B. Brunyate. The proceedings of the Commission have not yet reached the Government of India, but in the meanwhile it is well that we should be prepared, as far as possible, for the possibility of further losses in our opium revenue. Fortunately there is some hope that the change will not affect the landed interest in Bengal and the United Provinces so seriously as at one time we feared. The profits of other high cropping show some tendency to out the poppy, especially in Behar, and a large contraction in area seems practicable without very grave detriment to rural welfare. For the next poppy season accordingly we are arranging to increase a maximum of 600,000 bighas—a very material reduction from the 900,000 old bighas which were cultivated only three years ago, when this question first arose. In parts at least of the native territory where Malwa opium is grown, the problem of the falling China trade is a more difficult one, and it is now engaging our sympathetic attention.

## THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA.

## DR. GEIL'S EXPLORATIONS.

The following are among the particulars received by Reuter's Agency from Dr. W. Edgar Geil of an interesting journey he has concluded along the whole length of the Great Wall of China.

Discussing his expedition, Dr. Geil said: "This is, so far as I know, the first occasion on which such a journey has been made. My object was not only to explore the whole length of the Great Wall, but also to make botanical and zoological collections, and to be able to compare the present conditions of China with that existing when I crossed that Empire six years ago. I left Philadelphia a year ago and proceeded to Peking, where I completed the arrangements for my long trip from the Yellow Sea to Tibet via the Great Wall. My party, which during part of the journey numbered 20 persons, included scientists, interpreters, and educated Chinese. Travelling on mountain roads, we followed the Wall for a distance of approximately 1,800 miles, starting at the seashore at Shanhaikwan and finishing at Kuiyuan on the Nan-Shan range on the northern border of Tibet. We found roughly 200 miles of the Great Wall as yet unmapped. This section is a loop wall running from the east and west line of the Great Wall near the city of Liang-Chan. The newly-discovered loop runs from a point west of Sining south to the Yellow River near the city of Ho, where are the remains of the gateway to Langchao. On the greater portion of this section no masonry now remains, but there are massive towers of earth core. I am satisfied as a result of my investigation that there are at least ten great walls apart from that which is known as the Great Wall of China."

Reciting some of his experiences, Dr. Geil said:

"Parts of the journey were very hard owing to the altitude. For hundred of miles we traversed a mountainous land, the ground in many places being so precipitous that we had to hold on by our mule's tails. In some of the remoter parts the people had never before seen white men.

At one point we heard of a race of Chinese pygmies, and the investigations I was enabled to make tended to confirm the reports we received.

It is said that the ancestors of these people, who live in the mountains, were driven there when the Wall was building, having escaped to avoid compulsory work on the Wall. The descendants have lived in these mountains for 20 centuries, and are to-day wild creatures covered with hair. We had no difficulties with the natives anywhere except in the neighbourhood of Tibet, where we found the people suspicious, and we did not remain longer than was absolutely necessary for the purpose of our investigations. During the trip I was enabled to spend some time in investigating the mound of China near Sian-Fu—the burial place of the originator of the Great Wall—to which so far not much attention has been given. I did everything except go inside, which I found to be impossible owing to the superstition of the people. It is an enormous mound of 918 acres surrounded by ruined walls. We were told that there was beneath a subterranean palace connected by a long tunnel with the mountains."

In conclusion Dr. Geil said: "Some of the changes I found in the remoter parts are almost incredible. Within five days of Tibet I found a modern steel bridge being erected over the Yellow River, and in Lanchau, in the province of Kansu, where the Viceroy is making a fine boulevard right through the city, I saw electric light and a tramway. But perhaps what struck me most was the fact that all over the country, even in the remoter villages, I found small groups of young men drilling. In some cases there were only ten or 15 men, but it appeared to be part of a concerted plan of the precise object of which the people themselves seem ignorant. I believe, however, that it is part of a general plan to prepare secretly an enormous Army. One curious thing I noted along the Great Wall was that so far as I could hit a target at a range of four miles off, I did everything except go inside, which I found to be impossible owing to the superstition of the people. It is an enormous mound of 918 acres surrounded by ruined walls. We were told that there was beneath a subterranean palace connected by a long tunnel with the mountains."

Geil's account of his journey is as follows:

"The full introductory Budget Statement by the Hon. Sir Guy Fleetwood-Wilson, is now to hand. Paragraph 32, relating to the Indian Government's Opium policy has an interest for readers in China. It states:

"In conclusion Dr. Geil said: "Some of the changes I found in the remoter parts are almost

## STORIES OF THE DAY.

## THE "NAGGING WIFE."

From a London morning paper—

"Gentleman deserted his home by a nagging wife, asks for financial help to enable him to obtain employment. Desolate and in poor health."

## SYMPATHETIC MAGIC.

"A friend of mine came across a native sitting on the verandah of a house from which groans proceeded," Mr. E. Thurston stated at the Royal Society of Arts in a lecture on the natives of Southern India. "He learnt that the man's wife was sitting on the swing studded with sharp nails in order to cure him by sympathetic magic."

## THE BISHOP'S SIGNATURE.

A correspondent of the *Chronicle* says:—

"My brother-in-law is abroad, and one of my sisters is dealing with his correspondence. One rather long and chatty letter required a reply. It was signed 'Kenneth A. and I.' Not knowing what familiar nickname this might conceal, she was obliged to address the reply to 'Kenneth A. and I. Esq.' The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles was a little surprised."

## OVER SIXTY YEARS A VICAR.

Canon Paul, for over sixty years Vicar of Flinton (Northamptonshire), entered upon his ninetieth year last month. He obtained the living upon the death of his father, the Rev. S. W. Paul, who had held it from 1810 to 1840, so that if he should live one year more he will establish what is probably a record, of father and son having between them been vicars of a parish for a whole century. Canon Paul, the father of Mr. Herbert Paul, M.P.

## EXTRAORDINARY PRICE FOR AN ESTATE.

There was only one bid at the sale by auction of The Woodlands, at Batley, and the property was sold for £5. It was stated that Mr. Sheard, the late owner, a well-known manufacturer, spent between £10,000 and £15,000 on the erection of a residence on the estate, which was offered without reserve. There is a lease on the property of 999 years, dating from 1875, at an annual ground rent of £66. The estate covers an area of four acres, and one of the conditions of sale was that no building should be put on the land of a less value than £500.

## CADDIES NORTH AND SOUTH.

No English golfer would for a moment tolerate the following from his caddie:—"Na, jest tak' yer short spine! I'll no giv ye yer cleek, ye'd jest mak' a hash o' it!" And you wouldn't get such a pathetic protest, such an infinitely woe-wail, as "Ye're jest playin' at break my heart!" from any Cockney caddie. He wouldn't even think it; he doesn't care enough. By way of contrast, the "St. Andrews Citizen" shows us a Whitechapel caddie. He was staring with open mouth at a herculean golfer in knickerbockers, when the latter asked:

"Well, my little man, what are you thinking about?" "I'm thinking it's time yer mother putter into trousers!" There were the makings of a perfectly ideal caddie in this small, observant boy.

## SAFE THAT OPENS WHEN SPOKEN TO.

A safe which opens when spoken to has been patented by a Denver inventor, according to a telegram which the New York *Advertiser* published.

The lock is really nothing more than a combination device of a more than usually intricate pattern, controlled by an indestructible phenograph cylinder, bearing the record of a set phrase spoken by the lawful proprietor of the safe.

Instead of keyhole or handle there is a mouthpiece with a diaphragm and needle attachment connected with the cylinder.

To open the safe it is necessary to set the cylinder in motion and repeat the set phrase into the mouthpiece.

If the vibrations set up coincide with the indentations on the record which will only happen if the voice be that of the master, the door will be automatically unlocked—at least, the inventor, who is wholly responsible for the foregoing description, says so.

## HONGKONG "PROBABLY EXPRESSED."

The announcement that Miss Helen Emery, daughter of Archdeacon Emery, of the Episcopal Diocese of California, would marry a Japanese, Mr. Gungiro Aoki, a relative of an officer who distinguished himself in the recent war with Russia, has excited so much opposition in California that Miss Emery, accompanied by her mother, left their old home, near San Francisco, last month, with the intention of settling in Tacoma, State of Washington. Mother and daughter were deserted by their friends, and, insulted by the neighbours, and at Corte Madera, where they resided for Tacoma, the crowd was menacing that newspaper reporters felt compelled to offer the two courageous women physical protection. With iron irony, says a dispatch to a London newspaper, the throng of Japanese-baiters vented their spite on the two travellers by hurling bags of rice and calala berries in their faces.

In parting, Miss Emery issued one of the most remarkable documents ever penned in California:

"I wish it be understood, she wrote, that I love Gungiro Aoki, have loved him for some time, and sincerely hope to maintain my love for him despite all that may be said or done, despite stings on his character or insults of small-minded petty individuals, whether in Corte Madera or elsewhere. The only answer I can make to countless questions is 'I love him.' That to me is sufficient. I demand no further argument, and seek none. Whether I am right or wrong in so loving I do not know, and in my present state of mind do not care. I love him."

Miss Emery bitterly resents the public intrusion into her private affairs, and continues:—

"I cannot see why the children born of such a union should possess to any lesser degree those attributes of Americanism as judged in its highest and broadest sense, than, say, those born of a union between a native of Poland and one of the interior of Russia. Mentalities, breeding, courtesy, honour, love of country, and filial devotion are as much part of the Japanese characteristics as of American. I am but simply trying to answer the arguments which have been offered against my marriage to Mr. Aoki, that is those arguments which I considered worthy of answering. Such please as that he is poor, occupied a menial position, lacked certain forms and customs, and certain educational advantages I can sweep away as patly. That the State of California has seen fit to forbid marriages between members of the Japanese and American races carries little weight with me. I have a pretty good conception of the frosty, garrulous type of men that make the laws in the State of California, and should consider them the last persons on the face of the earth to be chosen as sponsors for public morals."

Miss Emery says she has not the slightest desire to pose as a martyr, but respects, "I love Aoki. Our marriage is our own affair, and will take place as soon as we see fit."

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Hongkong, 19th April, 1909. [635]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be on FRIDAY, the 23rd April, 1909, at 4 P.M., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:

- To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1908.
- To elect a New Committee.
- To transact any General Business.

By Order,

E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1909. [614]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season will be held at the HARRY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, the 24th inst. commencing at 3.30 P.M.

The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB or GYMKHANA CLUB.

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C. GORDON JACKIE,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1909. [625]

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 1st April, 1909, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends, etc. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 1st April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [517]

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 2nd April, 1909, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society be respectively extended, altered and amended so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this Meeting and that such extended, altered and amended Memorandum and Articles of Association be henceforth adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society to the exclusion of those heretofore prevailing."

Should the above Special Resolution be duly passed, it will be subsequently submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, of which Notice will be hereafter given.

Prints of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association can be seen at the Society's Office or obtained on application there.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [544]

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 21st April, 1909, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account to the 31st December, 1908, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th April, to the 21st April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [526]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [545]

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## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 24th April, 1909, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1909, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th April, 1909, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909. [545]

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1909. [537]

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## CHEMISTRY OF SMOKING.

## SOME MALLACIES EXPOSED.

There are a good many fallacies current regarding tobacco and smoking (says Mr. H. Irving Hancock, writing in the *New York Tribune*). One of them relates to the quantity of nicotine that a smoker absorbs. It is so small as to be practically insignificant. In the tobacco plant at maturity there is considerable nicotine, but the leaves are put through a process of curing and sweating, and, being a very volatile substance, a large percentage of the nicotine is driven from the tobacco during the sweating. When a pipe, a cigar, or a cigarette is lighted, the heat promptly volatilizes the nicotine still remaining in the tobacco. For that reason nearly all the nicotine passes from the tobacco to the atmosphere. Some of the smoke is drawn into the smoker's mouth; but it is usually promptly expelled, carrying with it nearly all traces of nicotine.

While nicotine is popularly known as the poison of tobacco, few people know anything of nicotine's chemical relatives, the pyridine bases, which also exist in tobacco. In burning, the tobacco sets them free as it does the nicotine. Up to the present, experiments in physiological laboratories have not demonstrated conclusively that appreciable quantities of either nicotine or the pyridine bases enter the system of the smoker. This is not to be taken, however, as a statement that nicotine and its chemical cousins do no harm whatever to weak users. It is possible, probable, that almost infinitesimal quantities do enter the smoker's system, and these, by cumulative effect, may in time work harm.

## POISONS THAT CAUSE INJURY.

There are two other poisons always to be found in tobacco smoke, one inert in small quantities, the other more active. The burning of tobacco air forms, by combination with oxygen, two gases with which every reader is familiar. One of these is carbon dioxide, or carbonic acid; the other is carbon monoxide, the gas that is seen to burn with a blue flame at the top of a coal fire. The volume of carbon dioxide given off in tobacco smoke is large; that of its more dangerous companion, carbon monoxide, is smaller.

How do any of these poisons enter the system of the smoker? First of all, they are capable of being absorbed to some extent through the mucous lining of the mouth. But it is in the lungs of one who inhales that the great harm is done. This senseless practice of sucking the smoke down into the lungs keeps up a constant and dangerous irritation of the delicate, sensitive membranes of those valuable organs. The burning of paper is blamed for much of the harm that cigarettes sometimes do; but to the delicate membranes of the lungs the tar abundant in tobacco smoke is much more harmful. And the poisons present in tiny quantities in tobacco smoke pass through the linings of a lung direct to the blood. To the smoker smoking is therefore a practice that tends to quick physical degeneration. For the smoker who never allows the vapour to go lower than his mouth, the cigarette is probably no more harmful than the pipe or cigar. Every smoker, however, who has the "cigarette cough" is an inhaler, whether he admits it or not.

## GERMS AND TOBACCO.

Apart from diseases of the lungs, caused by inhaling, many medical authorities charge that persistent smoking causes hardening of the arteries and angina pectoris. In discussing this charge, it may be remarked that most smokers appear to die from other causes. Just how smoking operates to cause deposits of lime along the walls of the arteries is not quite clear. Among smokers, at least, there is a very common idea that tobacco smoke is a valuable disinfectant. It is probably that, at the moment when one is smoking, the fumes will do more or less damage to bacteria just then entering the mouth. That the use of tobacco renders the system of the smoker at all immune at any time when he is not smoking is extremely improbable.

That germs cannot exist on tobacco is another common delusion. Yet one of the manufacturing methods of improving the flavour of an inferior tobacco consists in first destroying, with formaldehyde, the bacteria already growing in that tobacco. The next step consists of "sowing," on the sterilised tobacco other kinds of bacteria. This is done under certain conditions of temperature and humidity, and results in a tobacco now possessing a flavour much more agreeable to the user.

## IN PRAISE OF BOXING.

## A TRULY BRITISH SPORT.

Boxing, since it became the rightful successor to pugilism, has never lacked those critics whose chief plea has been that its barbarity and cruelty demand its suppression, but (says *Baldy's Magazine*) those who find delight in bannishing a manly sport as cruel, speak not by the book nor from knowledge. Boxing is essentially a British sport and in it, as in all other pastimes followed in Great Britain, fair play is the first consideration of the contestants and spectators alike. The former are there to give and to take fair play; the latter to see that it is given and taken.

Of the brutality of old-time prize-fighting there could be no doubt, yet a fair stand-up contest with man's natural weapons—his fists—was infinitely preferable in the matter of settling a dispute to the free use of the knife and stiletto in Europe, the cunning usage of the poisoned phial in Asia, or the still worse misuse of the revolver in America. We have something to be thankful for that British boys, who ever will be boys, have still that pretty knack of properly defending themselves and settling their jolly differences and bickerings in a characteristically British manner.

Physical development, with increasing years, however, brings them into the danger zone in the matter of free use of the fist, but it is just as well, perhaps, that at our public schools and colleges boxing is taught and taught encouraged by the holding of championships. Of late years, too, in the Army, among officers and men alike, clean boxing has been encouraged to great degree by the holding of similar championships. Each year national amateur championships are held in London and Scotland, and at the former public schools men have taken the ring and won highest honours. The Olympic Games of 1908 would not have been complete without boxing championships, and, be it said to our credit, they were won by Britishers. This much goes to prove that boxing which is clean and "shows good sport" (a delicious phrase appreciated by the best of sportsmen hunting men), is a pastime increasing in popularity and deservedly so.

As an athletic exercise nothing could be better than sparring. Where science is displayed no exhibition could be finer; combining as it does, skill, courage, and strength—a stout heart, a clear head, a quick eye, and a ready hand. It was our sailors in Nelson's time who fought among themselves, at the instigation of their officers, and who earned for themselves the title of "English bulldogs." There was the skill, too, which also made the fame of Shaw, the fighting Guardsman, who fell at Waterloo, surrounded by the many foes who bit the dust beneath the prowess of his arm.

A moment later Lord Cromer was ironically counselled to "speak up, please." "I hold," he affirmed deliberately, and in a louder voice, "that women should not be bullied by being nagged into the hurly-burly of political conflict." "It's a lie!" cried one woman, with monotonic reiteration. Many laughed ironically.

"I have been reading a good deal of the literature upon this question lately," confessed Lord Cromer. "It doesn't seem to have done you much good," came the quick comment. "I am afraid I have kept you too long," he said in conclusion. "You have, indeed," was the comment.

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Though Luttre III. was bred and trained in France, he has several British connections. His owner, M. Jacques Hennessy, is a member of the famous brandy firm founded by one Richard Hennessy, who left Cork for Cognac in the middle of the eighteenth century, and found that his Irish friends to whom he sent samples of the native liquor liked it so much that he took to exporting brandy as a serious business.

Luttre III.'s sire, St. Damien, is English bred, and William Jarvis, the Newmarket trainer, once hoped to win a Derby with him. Parfement's father was a Yorkshireman, and he was born in Luttre, though he has spent more of his life in France and done well there.

There were no fewer than thirty-two starters for the race—a record which has not been equalled since 1850—and nineteen finished, a record number, for seldom do more than half a dozen horses survive the ordeal of going twice round the trying course over the stiffest fences in the world.

Red Hull, ridden by his owner, Mr. H. G. Farrant, a young barrister on the Oxford circuit, fell at the third fence, but was remounted and finished the course, a feat that he also performed last year.

Judas, who finished second, is owned by Mr. B. W. Parr, an Irish farmer, who has had horses placed in the race several times but has never won it outright. Mr. F. Bibby, the owner of the third Gaubain, is a Liverpool shipowner, and won the race in 1905 with Kirkland.

CEOWN PRINCE OF SERVIA'S RENUNCIATION.

## BATTING MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., was vigorously baited. "The majority of men do not want this change," he said. (Voices: "Of course they don't. That's just like them.") "Men and women are essentially different," he claimed. (Voices: "We are learning a lot to-night." "Women should be relieved from burdens that sometimes break down the strongest man," he added. (Voices: "A childishly ridiculous assertion.")

"Man's work will always fetch the higher price—it is worth more." Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., who made this remark, was humorously heckled. "I am afraid that young woman is incorrigible," he said, pointing a finger to the corner from whence came a soprano voice. "I have not the slightest doubt that the vast majority of the women of this country are opposed to the right of putting a woman on the vote."

The resolution, ultimately carried, held that "it is inadvisable to thrust upon women the same political duties and responsibilities as are born by men." The militant Suffragettes called for the right to put an amendment. There was a great clamour as the meeting broke up. The last words heard were: "Votes for women!"

## SUFFRAGETTES ON A LADDER.

During a Liberal meeting at Colchester last night a Suffragette interrupted by mounting a ladder and shouting through an open window about 12ft. from the ground.

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HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.  
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TAIWAN, British str., for Canton.  
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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Heduan* reports: Moderate Easterly winds, moderate sea and overcast.  
The British str. *Kecemu* reports: Left Knt. elinotzu April 17th, 5 am, moderate N.E. wind fine and clear up to Sunday evening, thence fog and calm. Fell in with N.E. monsoon on Monday morning.

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SHANGHAI	"CHENAN" .....
MANILA	"TAMING" .....
SHANGHAI	"LINAN" .....
MANILA	"ANHUI" .....
ZAMBOANGA	"TEAN" .....
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWNS, CAIRNS, TOWNS, VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	On 14th May, 4 P.M.
DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER	Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANLU"	

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "ANHUI" "CHENAN," "CHINHUA" and "LINAN" with excellent accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—The Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

The Sunday Morning Sailings carry Passengers and H.M. Mails to connect with Siberian Mail to Europe.

FARE INCLUDING WINES \$40 SINGLE and \$70 RETURN.

TELEPHONE 36.

For Freight or Passage apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909.

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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR LEAVING.
"HAIMUN," Capt. Evans	SWATOW { WEDDAY, 21st April, at NOON.
"HAITAN," Capt. J. S. Roach	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW { FRIDAY, 23rd April, at Noon.
"HAIYANG," Capt. A. E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOY & TUESDAY, 27th April, FOOCHOW { at 1 P.M.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

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DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909.

**OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.**

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
* SHANGHAI via SWATOW, "GOSHUN MARU"	WEDDAY, 21st April, at 10 A.M.
AMOY & FOOCHOW	Capt. T. SUBURA
TAMSUI via SWATOW, "DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 25th April, at 10 A.M.
& SWATOW	Capt. H. MURAYAMA
* ANPING via SWATOW, "SHOSHIU MARU"	WEDDAY, 28th April, at 8 A.M.
AMOY	Capt. ICHI

\* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

\* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office, Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1909.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

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**INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.**

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG" .....
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, TSINGTAU	WEDDAY, 21st April, 4 P.M.
WEIWAIWEI & CHEFOO	FRIDAY, 23rd April, Noon.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG" .....
MANILA	"YUENSANG" .....
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG" .....
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG" .....
MANILA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"LOONGSANG" .....
SHTHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG" .....

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

OCCUPYING 21 DAYS. The Steamers "KUTSANG," "NAMSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

Steamers have superior accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

\* Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin & Newchwang.

Telephone No. 61.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909.

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**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE CO.'S NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

MIYASAKI MARU (Capt. W. BAINBRIDGE) About Wed. 5th May

KITANO MARU (Capt. F. F. COPE) About Wed. 2nd June

HIRANO MARU (Capt. H. FRASER) About Wed. 30th June

KAMO MARU (Capt. F. L. SOMMER) About Wed. 28th July.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND-THE-WORLD.

For further particulars apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1909.

**JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN**

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of April	JAVA	Second half of April
TJIKINI	JAPAN	First half of May	JAVA	First half of May
TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of May	JAPAN	First half of May
TJIMARI	JAVA	First half of May	SHANGHAI	First half of May
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of June	JAPAN	First half of June
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of June	SHANGHAI	First half of June

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports or through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 375.

York Building, 1st Floor.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1909.

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**SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.**

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC. VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO AND SALINA CRUZ (MEXICO).

S.S. HONGKONG MARU	6000 tons gross	... Sail June 1st, 1909.
S.S. MANSHU MARU	5000	... August—1909
S.S. AMERICA MARU	6000	... October—1909.
S.S. HONGKONG MARU	6000	... Dec. —1909.

For particulars apply to

K. MATSUDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, York Building.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1909.

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**SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY CO.**

**SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA AND EUROPE VIA DAIREN (DALNY).**

MAIN RAILWAY LINE—Semi-Weekly Express Service from Dairen to Changchun (Kwangchow), in connection with Siberian Express trains at Harbin, by a train composed of excellently equipped Sleeping and Dining Cars expressly built for the Company by the Pullman Car Co.

BRANCH RAILWAY LINES:

BYOJU LINE—For Byoju (Port Arthur), 2 hours from Dairen.

YINGKOU LINE—For Yingkou (Newchang), 3 hours from

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia
29th April ..... at 8.16 p.m.
7th May ..... at 9.45 a.m.
13th May ..... at 8.16 p.m.
21st May ..... at 9.16 a.m.

The Siberia, with the American mail left Shanghai on Monday, the 20th inst., at a.m. and may be expected here to-day, at noon.  
The *Derfänger*, with the German mail of the 24th March, left Singapore on Saturday, the 17th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 3 p.m.  
The *Occident*, with the French mail of the 26th March, left Singapore on Monday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 26th instant, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 26th Feb.

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Quang Chow Wan	Wednesday, 21st, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai	Wednesday, 21st, 9.00 P.M.
Swatow	Wednesday, 21st, 10:15 A.M.
Manila	Wednesday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soorabaya and Macassar	Wednesday, 21st, 10.00 A.M.
Euroa, &c., India via Tuticorin	Wednesday, 21st, 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)
Macao	No late fee
Chaofoo and Nanchwang	Letters ..... 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Wednesday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
Swatow, Weihaiwei, Tsingtau and Tientsin	Wednesday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Yokohama	Wednesday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	Wednesday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
Hiroo	Thursday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
Su Tai	Thursday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Chincha	Thursday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
Ningchow	Thursday, 22nd, 4.00 P.M.
Prins Sigismundi	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Haitan	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Chingking	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Hongkong	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Su Tai	Friday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Sungkiang	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Zafiro	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
	Printed Matter and Samples ..... 10.00 A.M.
	Registration ..... 10.00 A.M.
	(Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
	Registration, Kowloon B.O. ..... 10.00 A.M.
	No late fee
	Letters ..... 11.00 A.M.
	Wednesday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
	Wednesday, 21st, 3.00 P.M.
	Wednesday, 21st, 5.00 P.M.
	Wednesday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
	Thursday, 22nd, 1.15 P.M.
	Thursday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
	Thursday, 22nd, 4.00 P.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
	Friday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
	Printed Matter and Samples ..... 10.00 A.M.
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	Registration, Kowloon B.O. ..... 10.00 A.M.
	No late fee
	Letters ..... 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO  
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PRICE ... \$5.50 2 DOZ. PINTS.  
... \$4.50 1 QTS.

SAMPLE ON APPLICATION.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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## OPIUM.

April 20th.

Quotations are:	
Malwa New	\$1,070/1,080 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$1,090/1,100 "
Malwa Older	\$1,110/1,140 "
Malwa V. Old	\$1,150/1,185 "
Persian fine quality	\$1,020/1,050 "
Persian extra fine	\$850/900 per chest.
Patna New	\$980
Patna Old	\$1,000
Benares New	\$1,000
Benares Old	"

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Hollis, from Saigon, Mrs and Miss Anderson.	
Per Haines, from Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dunn, Mrs. Phillips, and Miss M. Wilks.	
Per Zafiro, from Manila, Mr. and Mrs. Reibe, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Almodas, Rev. and Mrs. H. Stradley, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. L. Turner, Mrs. C. Guittard, Mr. T. Kelly, Mrs. E. Sollars, Mrs. T. Kusano, Misses Enfantin, C. Cooper and B. Moon, Miss Sampson, Messrs. Sheerin, G. Canggio, Mellin, J. Minor, Chas. M. Peacock, W. Bruggman, L. Schell, E. Israel, L. Miller, G. Streber, R. Strong, E. Geyer, L. Cooper, Sampson, R. Cooper, H. Edwards, J. Karsen, C. Cuyugan, T. McDonald, V. Heras, R. Jones, D. Williams, P. O'Reilly, H. Luckey, R. Adams, O. Forsyth, E. Murphy, Bolles, E. White, S. Tait and Robertson.	
HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.	
From April 21st to 27th, 1909.	

April 20th.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 1/9.  
Credit, at 4 months' sight ..... 2/24.

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 2/23.

Credit, at 4 months' sight ..... 2/24.

ON NEW YORK.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4/23.

Credit, at 60 days' sight ..... 4/33.

ON BOMBAY.—Telegraphic Transfer ..... 13/1.

Bank, on demand ..... 13/2.

ON CALCUTTA.—Telegraphic Transfer ..... 13/1.

Bank, on demand ..... 13/2.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, at sight ..... 1/4.

Private, 30 days' sight ..... 1/5.

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ..... 1/5.

ON MANILA.—On demand—Per cent. 8/6.

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ..... 7/5.

ON BATAVIA.—On demand ..... 10/5.

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand ..... 9/5.

ON SAIGON.—On demand ..... 9/5.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand ..... 8/6.

SOVEREIGN Bank's Buying Rate ..... \$11.25.

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ..... \$58.80.

BAR SILVER, per oz. ..... 23.5.

SUBSIDARY COINS. per cent.

Chinese ..... 20 cents pieces ..... \$7.39 discount.

Chinese ..... 10 ..... \$3.45.

Hongkong ..... 20 ..... \$7.20.

Hongkong ..... 10 ..... \$7.45.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
U.S. Time	Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Height
U.S. Time	Hongkong Mean Time	ft. m.	ft. m.
U.S. Time	Hongkong Mean Time	ft. m.	ft. m.
U.S. Time	Hongkong Mean Time	ft. m.	ft. m.
Wed. 21	m. 9 1/2	5 9	1 0
Thurs. 22	m. 10 13	7 0	1 0
Fri. 23	m. 10 45	5 2	1 0
Sat. 24	m. 11 10	5 2	1 0
Sun. 25	m. 12 27	4 3	1 0
Mon. 26	m. 1 15	6 2	1 0
Tues. 27	m. 1 30	6 1	1 0

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.			
Hongkong Observatory, April 20th.			
Previous Day at 8 P.M. On Date at 10 A.M. On Date at 8 P.M.			
Barometer ..... 29.25	26.94	29.80	
Temperature ... 81	73	73	
Humidity ..... 70	55	55	
Wind Direction ... S	E	E	
Force ... 3	2	3	
Weather ..... b	c	c	
Rain ..... 0	0	0	

Highest open air Temperature on 19th ..... 84  
Lowest open air Temperature on 19th ..... 72

Seductively delicious in flavour and aroma.



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## VESSELS EXPECTED.

## THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Derfänger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 24th ult., left Singapore on the 17th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here today at 3 p.m.

## THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Oceanus* with the French Mail of the 29th ult., and mails from London of the 28th ult., left Singapore on Monday the 19th inst. at 4 p.m., and may be expected here after which date of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

## THE INDIAN MAIL.&lt;/div